



Reference: FOI 0356

Request:

1. How many items of public rescue equipment (ie Lifebuoys, Lifebelts, Throw Lines or similar) does North Tyneside Council maintain at inland or coastal water sites. Excludes Swimming Pools

Response:

- 35 no. at coastal water sites

- 20 no. at inland water sites , i.e. North Tyneside Parks (see below):-

Killingworth Lakeside Park - 7 life belts and 1 throw line.

Marden Quarry Nature Reserve, Whitley Bay - 3x Life preserving Ring Public Access sited on posts at waters edge, 1x Spare Life Preserver Ring & extra rope in office.

Tynemouth Boating Lake, Tynemouth - 4x Life preserving Ring Public Access sited on posts at waters edge.

Additionally 3x Throw Lines, checked on a weekly basis are placed (within staff accessible areas) at each of the following sites: -

Northumberland Park, North Shields (Visitor Centre Community Room)

Marden Quarry, Whitley Bay (Equipment Storage Container, Front Room)

Royal Quays / Linear Park (Park Keepers Site Based Vehicle in Cab)

2. What is the inspection routine for such items?

Response:

- Coastal inspections are undertaken on a daily basis.

- Killingworth lake is checked weekly, but followed up by a formal Monthly inspection which is logged.

- Marden Quarry Nature Reserve - Daily inspection (5 days / 7 day week)

- Tynemouth Boating Lake - Weekly inspection

3. Who should the public contact to report items missing or damaged?

- The council's Envirolink Team on 0345 2000 103.

- As above for coast, missing or damaged equipment should be reported through Envirolink.

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